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## **INFORMATION RELEASE**

DATE & TIME 04/10/09 9:16 AM

Bureau: Investigative Services Bureau

**Authorized Supervisor: Deputy Chief Greg Lindmark** 

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Incident: Murder Investigation

## **MESSAGE**

On Friday, 04/03/09, shortly after 2:00 p.m. the Rockford Fire Department responded to 1020 22<sup>nd</sup> St. in reference to a medical call. When they arrived, they located the body of the 73-year-old victim, **Grace V. Munson**, in the bathroom of the residence. The circumstances surrounding Munson's death were suspicious and Fire Department personnel contacted the Rockford Police Department.

On Monday, 04/06/09, an autopsy was conducted by the Winnebago County Coroner's Office. Preliminary results of the autopsy revealed that Munson's death was caused by strangulation.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department are conducting a follow-up investigation into Munson's death. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Rockford Police Department (815-987-5824) or Crime Stoppers (815-963-7867).

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